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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Pu Zhou  
Serial No.: 10/615,651  
Filing Date: July 9, 2003  
Docket No.: 1001.1662101  
For: METHOD OF FORMING CATHETER DISTAL TIP



Confirmation No.: 9310  
Examiner: K. Sirmons  
Group Art Unit: 3763  
Customer No.: 28075

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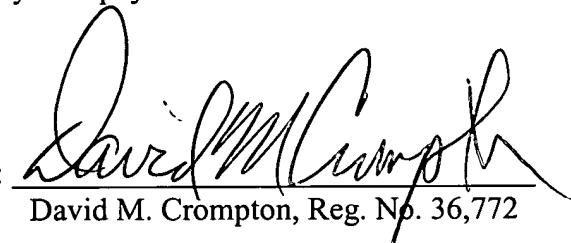
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No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed after three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application or after the mailing date of the first office

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Accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement is a certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

Pu Zhou

By his Attorney,



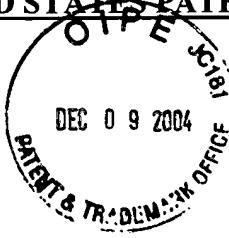
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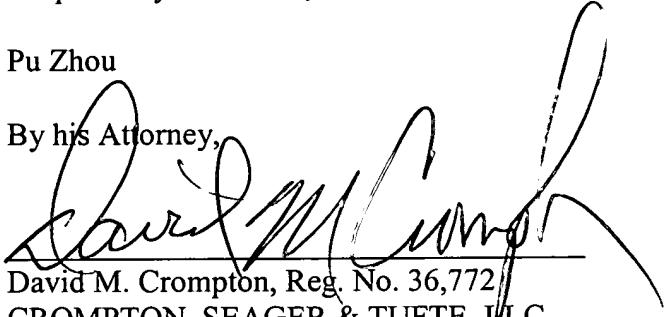
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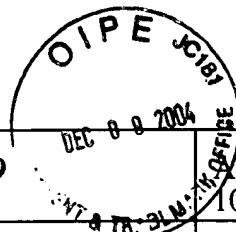
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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